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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4553

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT: PRESSURE ON RHODESIAN TOBACCO INDUSTRY

REF: LUSAKA 0660

1. REFTEL REPORTED RUMOR CURRENT IN LUSAKA THAT RHODESIAN BANKS WITHHOLDING CREDIT FOR THIS YEAR'S RHODESIAN TOBACCO CROP. POSSIBLY CORROBORATIVE INFORMATION APPEARS IN APRIL 13 SUNDAY TIMES, WHICH NOTES THAT SAG MAY ALREADY BE APPLYING ECONOMIC PRESSURES TO SMITH REGIME TO BRING IT TO CONFERENCE TABLE. ARTICLE STATES THAT SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS CIRCLES BELIEVE SAG NO LONGER PREPARED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY BACKING TO HELP RHODESIA SELL ITS TOBACCO ON INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

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INDICATIONS ALSO REPORTED THAT SAG TAKING TOUGHER LINE ON

OTHER RHODESIAN EXPORTS, WHICH PASS THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA,
AND IS INSISTING THAT CORRECT COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, THAT IS
RHODESIA, BE DECLARED.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS VOICING VIEW THAT OAU DAR ES SALAAM
MEETING, WHICH HAS KEPT DIALOGUE PATH OPEN, PLACES BALL IN
SMITH'S COURT TO ENGAGE IN IMMEDIATE TALKS WITH ANC. PRESS
SPECULATES THAT GIVEN SAG PRESSURES AND OAU POSITION, SMITH
HAS NO LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE BUT TO AGREE TO SOME FORM OF
BROAD-BASED INTERIM-GOVERNMENT FORMED ON BASIS OF BLACK-
WHITE PARITY, WHICH WOULD THEN ESTABLISH MODALITIES FOR MAJORITY
RULE WITHIN GIVEN NUMBER OF YEARS.

3. PRESS NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT SMITH WILL NOT ACCEPT
LOGIC INHERENT IN SITUATION. IN THIS REGARD, LAST WEEK'S
DEATH OF THREE WHITES IN NORTHWEST RPT NORTHWEST RHODESIA AND
ARREST OF EIGHTEEN BLACK NATIONALISTS ARE VIEWED WITH CONCERN.
CAPE TIMES EDITORIALIZES: "IF MR. SMITH FALTERS AGAIN--
AND HE DOES HAVE A PATCHY RECORD WHEN IT COMES TO CONSISTENCY--
HE WILL THREATEN EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED RECENTLY
BY SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA, AND OTHERS WHO WOULD RATHER TALK
THAN SHOOT."
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